

My testimony, Marilyn Koback, and "I Support Senate Bill 22."

Connecticut is so expensive now that I contemplate having to leave the State. The costs to live here have gone up every year all the years that I have lived here over 20 years. In 2021 and years before that "everything" had gone up and in some cases past a decent amount. I am a senior citizen now which is even worse seeing any kind of small raise just goes to all of these taxes and we have to find some way to pay. I love the State and don't wish to leave. I have friends that have jobs that are struggling, and I wonder what our young people will need to make an income to survive in the future. Specifically, and yes, we are suffering with this outrageous inflation, food costs are higher, property taxes, gasoline, transfer station sticker, snow removal, any kind of repairs that come up with a car or a house and I know and the list goes on. Meanwhile we have people from other countries being placed in most States that we must pay for and according to the news they come first. Both sets of my grandparents immigrated to the US legally to escape Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Austria. They trained for jobs BEFORE they arrived here and could speak, read and write English as well.